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## What's Next for Health Care?



Dear Friends,

Passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to be one of the highlights of my legislative career. Regrettably, despite vocal opposition from constituents across the country, the House of Representatives took a first step toward dismantling the law by passing the American Health Care Act (AHCA).

The AHCA is a step backward for healthcare reform. The most recent estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, Congress's independent and non-partisan analytical office, indicate 24 million people will lose health coverage under this bill. It will allow discrimination against patients with pre-existing conditions and authorize the elimination of essential health benefits, including maternity care and prescription drug coverage.

[I opposed this bill](#) on the House floor because of the effect it will have on millions of Americans and Rhode Islanders. But I also opposed the process that got us to the bill. Before the passage of the ACA in 2010, the House of Representatives held 79 hearings,

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### Save The Date

#### LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

*Quarterly update for constituents*

June 17, 12:30-2:30pm  
The Breachway Grill  
1 Charlestown Beach Rd  
Charlestown

### Did You Know...?

#### FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

Hardest Hit Fund Rhode Island is a U.S. Treasury-funded initiative to help RI homeowners facing foreclosure. >>

#### FAST FACT

May is National Foster Care Month, and Rep. Langevin will be joining with his colleagues to participate in Foster Youth Shadow Day. >>

### In Other News

#### ART WINNERS

Rep. Langevin announced the winners of the 2nd Congressional District Art Competition including 1st Place winner Arianna Deal

heard from 181 witnesses, and considered 239 amendments over a 12 month span. In contrast, the AHCA was pushed through three committees without a single hearing and with substantial changes made in the dead of night.

Despite this setback, I encourage you to stay engaged, and I vow to continue to fight on behalf of my constituents. I'm hopeful that my colleagues in the Senate will take the time to understand the implications of this bill and instead work in a bipartisan fashion to improve the ACA. I've always said the ACA isn't perfect, but aspects of it are working, and we must collaborate to make it better.

Keep up with my efforts on health care and many other issues through [my website](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### Purple Heart Delivery

I had the honor of delivering a Purple Heart to the widow of World War II veteran Robert Liebrich. I helped Mrs. Carol Liebrich petition the Department of the Army for the second Purple Heart that was rightfully her late husband's. After talking with the National Personnel Records Center, the proper documentation was found, and the Purple Heart with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster was hand delivered to Mrs. Liebrich and members of her family. We owe our soldiers an enormous debt of gratitude, and it was a true privilege to present Mrs. Liebrich and her family the Purple Heart for Robert Liebrich's heroism.



### Funding the Government

After extensive negotiations, I'm pleased to report that Congress passed a bill to fund the government in a way that supports programs vital to Rhode Island and the nation. It was made possible by Democrats and Republicans working together to reach a bipartisan compromise. [I supported this bill](#) because it increases funding to support biomedical research, reinstates year-round Pell Grants to help lower-income students access educational opportunities, and sustains

from Cranston West High School. >>

### ROLLING BACK CONSERVATION

Rep. Langevin opposed President Trump's Executive Order attempting to roll back national monument designations, which will undermine conservation efforts that date back to Teddy Roosevelt. >>

### FIGHTING FOR THE ARTS

Rep. Langevin led his colleagues in calling on President Trump not to defund the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities. >>

### BREAKING GROUND

Rep. Langevin attended the ground breaking of Hyatt Place Hotel, the first with direct access to T.F Green Airport's parking garage and InterLink train station. >>

### POWERING BLOCK ISLAND

Rep. Langevin applauded the spin up of Block Island Wind Farm marking the first off-shore wind farm in the United States. >>

### A TAXING PROPOSAL

Rep. Langevin expressed concern over President Trump's vague tax proposal, particularly the prioritization of tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations. >>

### STATE OF CYBERSECURITY

Rep. Langevin congratulated Mike Steinmetz, Rhode Island's first Cybersecurity Officer, who will help better protect Rhode Island and continue to strengthen its cyber posture. >>

funding for Community Development Block Grants that support programs like Meals on Wheels and local food pantries. This agreement should serve as a blueprint for a Fiscal Year 2018 funding measure and as the basis for further legislative compromise in the 115th Congress.

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